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DEPARTMENT PASS SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652 XGDS-3
TAGS: PFOR MASS US JO
SUBJECT: HAWKS FOR JORDAN

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR MEETING WITH RABIN WILL FOCUS
ON THE SALIENT ISSUE OF NEXT STEPS. HOWEVER SHOULD THE
OCCASION ARISE, I WOULD NOT WANT TO LEAVE YOU IN ANY
DOUBTS ABOUT THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE KING AND PRIME
MINISTER ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASING CAMPAIGN
IN CONGRESS (ROSENTHAL AND NOW SENATOR CASE) AGAINST THE
SALE OF HAWKS TO JORDAN. THEIR
CONCERN STEMS IN LARGE PART FROM A CONVICTION THAT THE
ISRAELIS ARE BEHIND THIS CAMPAIGN OR AT LEAST IN A

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POSITION TO TURN IT OFF OR TURN IT DOWN.

2. SHOULD THE RIGHT MOMENT ARISE, IT WOULD BE MOST
HELPFUL FOR OUR RELATIONS HERE, AND I BELIEVE IN THE
ARAB WORLD IN GENERAL, IF YOU COULD MENTION TO
RABIN THE FACT THAT IT WOULD NOT REALLY SEEM TO BE
IN ISRAEL'S INTEREST TO PRESS OR ABET A CAMPAIGN IN THE
CONGRESS WHICH IF SUCCESSFUL WOULD (A) PUSH HUSSEIN TOWARDS
THE SOVIETS ,(B) FURTHER POLARIZE JORDANIAN INTEREST
IN THE SYRIAN DIRECTION, AND (C) LEAVE A STILL MODERATE
AND HELPFUL NEIGHBOR IN A POSITION OF DEFENSELESSNESS
AGAINST IRAQ, OR SYRIA SHOULD THE LATTER TWO AT SOME
TIME DECIDE TO INTERVENE IN OR ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER
JORDAN FOR WHATEVER SELFISH REASONS MIGHT PROMPT
THEM TO DO SO.
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